

## **Bible Study for Sunday July 7, 2019**

### **Our texts for this Sunday are:**

- Galatians 6:7-16
- Luke 10:1-11 & 16-20

### **Opening Discussion:**

How would you complete this sentence: “My mission as a Christian is ...”?

### **Read Galatians 6:7-16**

In verses 9-10, Paul encourages the Galatians to “do good.” Why is it easy to become “weary in doing good”?

We read in verse 13, “Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh.”

- What do you think that means?

We believe we are saved by God’s grace in Christ rather than by what we do or don’t do. What then do you think Paul meant when he wrote “you reap whatever you sow”?

### **Read Luke 10:1-11 & 16-20**

Have you ever worked on a “group” project (where there was more than one person working toward a final project/product end)? Do you like working on group projects? How did you decide who did what on the project?

Why do you think Jesus sent the disciples out in pairs? Was this some kind of “group project” that they had to *do* together?

What kind of qualifications do you think the people Jesus sent out had? College degree? Preaching, teaching or missionary experience? Business management? What does this suggest about the kinds of people Jesus wants to work for Him?

What do these passages tell you about the state of the world and how the pair of disciples (and we) should respond?

How easily do you share your time and skills with others? How do you feel when you offer to serve but are turned down? How do you feel when you aren’t thanked for going out of your way to serve somebody?

Luke 10:10-12. Often we want to tell people about God but we are afraid of being shut down. Christ says they will be rejected but He also tells them how to deal with rejection. Why do

people reject Christ? What are practical steps you can take to wipe the dust off your feet and continue sharing your faith when you are rejected?

I compare this bit of Luke's Gospel to a shortened version of an owner's manual for missionaries. What is missing that you would include?

**Galatians 6:7-16** <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. <sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which <sup>[a]</sup> the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For <sup>[b]</sup> neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

**Luke 10:1-11 & 16-20** <sup>10</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy <sup>[a]</sup> others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>[b]</sup> <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ <sup>[c]</sup> <sup>12</sup> I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. <sup>16</sup> “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” <sup>17</sup> The seventy <sup>[d]</sup> returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup> He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”